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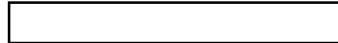
1. Since the fall of 1945, the trade organization of the GDR has supplied the Soviet troops with all kinds of goods, including food ration supplied, articles of dress, clothing, leather articles, shoes, furs, furniture, kitchen utensils and other goods which, except for a small quantity of special luxuries and textiles which arrive from the USSR, are delivered by East German firms. The procurement of such goods inside the Soviet Zone of Germany since late 1950 has been handled by the association of German cooperative stores on behalf of the trade organization.
2. Until late 1946, the main administration of the trade organization of the GDR was stationed on Rulsdorfer Strasse in Teltow; until the fall of 1952, it was housed at a German barracks installation on Pappel Allee in Potsdam and, since the fall of 1952, has been stationed in Wunsdorf. The office had a personnel of about 100 Soviet officers and employees. The 80 to 90 Germans employed until the beginning of 1949 were discharged except for three. Officers in key positions in April 1953 included Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu) as chief, Major Bondarenkov (fnu) as deputy chief, Major Bochkarov (fnu) as chief book keeper and Lieutenant Colonel Zukhikh (fnu) as chief of personnel.
3. The Association of German cooperative stores (VDK), which handles the purchase for the trade organization, is located at 7 Gohlisser Strasse, Leipzig. The head of the association was one Wissing (fnu) one Andrejewski (fnu), was his deputy, and one Huebscher (fnu) was chief book keeper. The trade organization also cooperated with Deutsche Notenbank Berlin and Gozudatzini Bank, [redacted]
4. Supply depots operated by the trade organization included the former Tittel and Krueger firm at 44a Nonneweg in Leipzig; an installation on Haferkorn Strasse, Leipzig, which had been stationed in Zwickau until 1949; a depot on Rulsdorferstrasse, Teltow, which predominantly contains textiles; and 2 depots at 19 Kleine Packhof Strasse in Dresden, namely an industrial depot and a main food ration supply depot. The two installations in Leipzig are operated from an office on Gurlitzer Strasse.


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
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- 25X1 5. The following ten commissaries subordinate to the trade organization of the GFG are supplied by the abovementioned depots: Commissary  in Wuensdorf, which is the largest installation, and which serves the commander in chief of the GFG; a commissary in Werder, about 10 km southwest of Potsdam; a commissary in Dresden-Radebeul; a commissary in Luckenwalde; a commissary in Fuerstenberg; a commissary in Eberswalde; a commissary in Rummelsburg, a commissary in Leipzig; and two additional commissaries.

- 25X1 6. The total turnover of the trade organization was about 700 million eastmark from the end of August 1951 to the end of March 1953 and about 45 million eastmark in March 1953.

25X1  Comment. The report confirms previous information on the composition of the Soviet trade organization in the Soviet Zone of Germany and its cooperation with the German association of cooperative stores. All officers mentioned were previously reported in key positions of the Soviet trade organization.

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